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TEXT*TO [REDACTED] CRITIC 8-72, 261542Z BETWEEN 1423Z AND 1631Z,

NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR DEFENSE FACILITIES REFLECTED A MINIMUM
OF 64 B-52'S OVER NVN AIRSPACE IN 21 RAIDS OF THREE AIRCRAFT.PRELIMINARY DATA INDICATES THAT A MINIMUM OF SIXTEEN SURFACE-TO-AIR
MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AT STRIKE AIRCRAFT IN THE HANOI AREA.BATTALION 76 AND 78 OF THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED TO
THE WEST OF HANOI, CLAIMED THE SHOOTDOWNS OF ONE UNIDENTIFIED
AIRCRAFT EACH. BATTALION 48 OF THE 234TH SAM REGIMENT REPORTED
SIGHTING A DAMAGED AND BURNING B-52 LEAVING HIS AREA. ITWAS NOT REVEALED IF BATTALION 48 INFLICTED THE DAMAGE. BETWEEN
1528Z AND 1530Z, COMINT REFLECTED FROM 10 TO 12 SAM LAUNCHESIN THE HANOI AREA. AT 1529Z, BATTALION 76 OF THE 264TH SAM
REGIMENT REPORTED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED TARGET HAD BURSTINTO FLAMES= AND FELL. BATTALION 76 THEN REPORTED THAT THEY
HAD STRUCK A TARGET AND IT WENT DOWN. NO FURTHER AMPLIFYING

DATA IS AVAILABLE. AT 1545Z, TWO MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED

BY BATTALION 78 OF THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT AND AT 1547Z,

THE BATTALION REPORTED THEY HAD SHOT DOWN AN UNIDENTIFIED

AIRCRAFT. AT 1554Z, BATTALION 48 OF THE 234TH SAM REGIMENT

REPORTED ONE B-52 WAS DAMAGED, BURNING AND =LEAVING THE

AREA ON AN AZIMUTH OF 300 DEGREES.= COMMENTS% COLLATERAL

SOURCES INDICATE THE PROBABLE LOSS OF ONE B-52 AND DAMAGE

TO TWO OTHERS. FURTHER AMPLIFYING DATA WILL BE REPORTED

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